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**National Highway
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Memorandum

Subject: Ex Parte Meeting With RMA

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Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Docket No. NHTSA 2001-8677 - 545

On March 17, 2003, Donald B. Shea and Ann Wilson of the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), at their request, met with the following NHTSA representatives: from the Office of Chief Counsel, Jacqueline Glassman, Lloyd Guerci, and the writer of this memorandum; From the Office of Enforcement, Ken Weinstein, Kathleen DeMeter, and Jonathan White.

As to the NHTSA Appropriations language, RMA expressed its concern that importers of tires which are not members of RMA may not be cognizant of their reporting duties under the Early Warning Reporting requirements. Ken Weinstein suggested that RMA provide NHTSA with a list of non-member tire importers known to it, and the agency could monitor the initial reports that it receives to determine whether any of these manufacturers had failed to report.

In response to its question, RMA was informed that responses to its petition for reconsideration of the final review were under review.

Other issues discussed did not relate to the final rule.

The meeting was held in Chief Counsel Glasman's office, from 2:00 to 2:35 p.m.

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